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Title: Multi-Carrier/Multi-Sector Channel Pooling
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the outstanding final Office Action dated March 26, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on October 18, 1999 with claims 1-18. New claims 19-27 were added in a Preliminary Amendment filed by Applicants on August 30, 2000. Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8, 15-19 and 24 are the independent claims.

In the final Office Action dated March 26, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,966 (hereinafter "Andersson"), and rejected claims 6, 13, 16 and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being